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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND PUBLIC RULES

The Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) intends to amend public rule PUT 7-4 subsections 6.1 and 6.2.14. Public Rule PUT 7-4, which became effective November 14, 2003, addresses the administrative appeal procedure for the appeal of a DNS or the adequacy of a final EIS for the Wastewater Treatment and Solid Waste Divisions of DNRP.

The amendment to subsection 6.1 of PUT 7-4 is intended to expressly incorporate into PUT 7-4 the limitations on administrative appeals that already exist in the SEPA statute, Chapter 43.21C RCW, and in the SEPA rules, Chapter 197-11 WAC. Administrative appeals of SEPA procedural determinations are allowed only in the limited circumstances authorized by these state laws, and it is DNRP's intent that PUT 7-4 expressly rather than implicitly incorporate these limitations. This amendment to subsection 6.1 of PUT 7-4 thus is intended to clarify the existing rule.

In addition, the amendment to subsection 6.2.12 of PUT 7-4 is intended to expressly authorize the Director of DNRP to make determinations that are consistent with the policy expressed in RCW 43.21C.240, in order to avoid duplicative review under SEPA when a project's environmental impacts will be adequately addressed by the development regulations or other applicable requirements of the jurisdiction in which a project will be located or by other applicable local, state or federal regulations.

It is DNRP's intent that these procedural amendments to PUT 7-4 be given retroactive effect by the Director and the Hearing Examiner.

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning the proposed amendments. Comments must be received by DNRP no later than **4:30 p.m. March 9, 2006**Comments concerning the proposed amendments should be directed to the following address:

Department of Natural Resources and Parks 201 South Jackson Seattle, WA 98104 ATTN: Wastewater Treatment Division

Telephone: (206) 684-1227

Additionally comments may be made in person at a public meeting to be held:

February 16, 2006 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the 8th floor conference room at the King Street Center 201 South Jackson Seattle, WA 98104

A copy of the amendments to PUT 7-4 are located on DNRP's Internet site at http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/wtd-sepa-appl.htm

You may also receive a copy by calling (206) 263-6339